

Vocabulary Power

Lesson 13 Usage

What does the word *adversity* mean to you? People of all ages, in all parts of the world, and in all walks of life experience hardships that test their physical and emotional strength. The words in this lesson illustrate adversity in different ways.

Word List

afflicted

falter

mortality

turbulent

debilitate

fugitive

refugee

volatile

disparage

jeopardy

EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each **boldfaced word** below is paired with a synonym that has a meaning you probably know. **Brainstorm other related words. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.**

1. **debilitate** : exhaust _____
Dictionary definition _____
2. **turbulent** : violent _____
Dictionary definition _____
3. **afflicted** : sick _____
Dictionary definition _____
4. **refugee** : escapee _____
Dictionary definition _____
5. **volatile** : explosive _____
Dictionary definition _____
6. **jeopardy** : danger _____
Dictionary definition _____
7. **mortality** : death _____
Dictionary definition _____
8. **falter** : stumble _____
Dictionary definition _____
9. **disparage** : belittle _____
Dictionary definition _____
10. **fugitive** : runaway _____
Dictionary definition _____

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued***EXERCISE B Usage**

Draw a line through the italicized phrase. Above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace the phrase.

1. A storm hit unexpectedly, and the fishermen were forced to battle *rough and wildly crashing* waves.
2. A(n) *insecure and constantly changing* political situation made life difficult for many citizens.
3. Jake visited his neighbor, who was *stricken* with a serious illness.
4. We realized that we were in *great danger* of losing our home if the tornado touched down.
5. On news footage, we saw the *people forced to seek safety* traveling on foot to the neighboring country.
6. A moment of danger often forces people to confront their own *fact that life can come to an end*.
7. Classmates who *show disrespect to* others sometimes do not understand the hurt they are causing.
8. Her fear caused her to *move unsteadily* at first, but then she gathered her courage and reached the podium.
9. In the 1800s, many African Americans were forced to choose between life as an enslaved person or life as a *person on the run*.
10. The doctor explained that her illness was not serious, but that it could *tire and drain energy from* her for several months.

EXERCISE C Word Association

For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.

1. insult, criticize, reject _____
2. stumble, trip, hesitate _____
3. unsteady, explosive, changing _____
4. danger, risk, peril _____

EXERCISE D Word Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. This word, which sometimes refers to substances that evaporate quickly, comes from the Latin word *volare*, meaning "to fly." _____
2. The Latin *mortalis*, meaning "death," added to the suffix *-ity*, meaning "state of," gives you the meaning of this word. _____
3. The Latin word *debilitare*, meaning "to weaken," forms this word. _____
4. *Turba* is a Latin word meaning "confusion," and forms the root of this word. _____
5. The Latin word *fugere* means "to flee" and forms the root of this word. _____

Vocabulary Power**Lesson 14 Using Context Clues**

Adversity can make people stronger. Those forced to face hardships often find within themselves strengths and survival instincts they never knew they had. Overcoming adversity can give people a sense of their own power and a greater understanding of human nature. Words in the following list relate to the positive ways in which people deal with adversity.

Word List**console****conviction****fortitude****gall****infallible****mobilize****optimist****persevere****resilient****zealous****EXERCISE A Context Clues**

Use context clues surrounding an unfamiliar word to help you to figure out its meaning. Write what you think each boldfaced word means. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. Some had the **conviction** that all people should be free, but this belief was not enough to end slavery for many years.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

2. Richard had the **gall** to demand that the newspaper editor read his story immediately.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

3. We tried to **console** the sobbing boy, but he would not be comforted.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

4. Deborah begins each new semester with the same **zealous** attitude—to learn and improve all she can.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

5. After the accident, Sandy showed how **resilient** she was by going right back to driving her car.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

6. Michele showed great **fortitude** in continuing to train for the race even after injuring her knee.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____



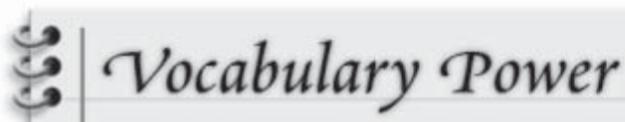
Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. The rebel soldiers fought as hard as they could, but finally surrendered because the other army seemed to be **infallible**.
My definition _____
Dictionary definition _____
8. When they learned that the rivers were being polluted, environmentalists began to **mobilize** against the industries in the area.
My definition _____
Dictionary definition _____
9. Jackie, the **optimist**, insisted our losing team could eventually win the championship title.
My definition _____
Dictionary definition _____
10. When a task becomes difficult and exhausting, some people give up while others **persevere**.
My definition _____
Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Word Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. This word describes a person who bounces back from a bad situation. _____
2. If someone is eager and passionate about pursuing something, you might describe him or her as being this way. _____
3. A person who is bold to the point of insolence is said to have this. _____
4. This word describes a person who plans a day at the beach even if dark clouds and weather reports promise rain. _____
5. People who face challenges even through adversity possess this. _____
6. A team that never loses might be given this label. _____
7. If Congress declares war, American troops must immediately do this. _____
8. If you have a friend who is grieving, you should help him or her in this way. _____
9. Your strong belief in an ideal can be called this. _____
10. If you refuse to give up, even when times are tough, then you are someone who is able to do this.

Vocabulary Power**Lesson 15 The Latin Root *crux***

The root *crux* means “cross.” This Latin root refers to the upright beam and crossbar used by ancient Romans for executions. The cross also became the central religious symbol to Christians throughout the world. This root influences the meaning of a variety of words, including the vocabulary words in this lesson. Because a root carries the main meaning of a word, you can figure out how words with the root *crux* are related to one another.

Word List**crucial****cruciform****cruiser****crux****crucifix****crucify****crusade****excruciating****crucifixion****cruise****EXERCISE A Context Clues**

Use your understanding of the root *crux* and context clues to determine the meanings of the boldfaced vocabulary words below. Write your definition. Then, look up each word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. The situation is complicated, but the **crux** of the problem is that they are understaffed.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

2. Lindsey's older brother had to make a **crucial** decision about where to attend college in the fall.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

3. **Crucifixion** was an extremely painful form of torture, leading to death by suffocation.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

4. If the reporters find out that Governor Smith lied, they will **crucify** him in the press.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

5. Grandma, a devout Christian, always wore a **crucifix** around her neck.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

6. We will **crusade** against any cuts being made to our school's budget.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

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7. The red carnations on the grave were arranged in a **cruciform** pattern.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

8. Joel will **cruise** around the neighborhood until he finds his cat.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

9. Marcus was in **excruciating** pain as he sat in the emergency room with a dislocated shoulder.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

10. We saw the police officer's **cruiser** circle the parking lot.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Word Association

For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.

1. torment, prosecute, torture _____
2. critical, important, decisive _____
3. fight, battle, action _____
4. agonizing, painful, intense _____
5. ride, search, move _____
6. dilemma, difficult problem, core _____
7. religious, symbol, cross _____
8. square, heart, diamond _____
9. taxi, police car, boat _____
10. torture, punishment, execution _____

EXERCISE C Usage

If the **boldfaced** word is used correctly in the sentence, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. Christina felt that if she made a mistake while giving her speech, her audience might **cruciform** her.
2. Animal rights activists are determined to **cruise** against wearing animal fur.
3. **Crucial** decisions have to be made at the town meeting tonight.
4. We found a gold **crusade** on the lawn of the city cathedral.
5. Watching workers dismantle such a beautiful statue was **excruciating** for many people.

Vocabulary Power**Review: Unit 4****EXERCISE**

Circle the letter of the word that is most nearly the *opposite* in meaning.

1. turbulent
 - a. calm
 - b. slow
 - c. small
 - d. complicated
2. afflicted
 - a. interested
 - b. determined
 - c. angry
 - d. healthy
3. jeopardy
 - a. trouble
 - b. safety
 - c. anger
 - d. boredom
4. mortality
 - a. life
 - b. pleasure
 - c. excitement
 - d. courage
5. fortitude
 - a. intelligence
 - b. strength
 - c. cowardice
 - d. serenity
6. console
 - a. disturb
 - b. assist
 - c. plan
 - d. fight
7. optimist
 - a. speaker
 - b. helper
 - c. fighter
 - d. doubter
8. persevere
 - a. quit
 - b. destroy
 - c. comfort
 - d. console
9. crucial
 - a. terrifying
 - b. insignificant
 - c. peaceful
 - d. serene
10. excruciating
 - a. humorous
 - b. powerful
 - c. boring
 - d. pleasing